

Public Hearings State of Rhode Island



To identify the concerns of people with disabilities and their families

Monday 7/26/04 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

OSARR,1130 Ten Rod Road C-104, North Kingstown

Tuesday 7/27/04 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Independence Square, 500 Prospect Street, Pawtucket

Wednesday 7/28/04, 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Warwick Public Library Community Room, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick

Thursday 7/29/04, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

George Washington Management Area Forestry Headquarters, Glocester

(on Rte. 44, 4.5 miles beyond Chepachet, turn right into driveway at sign reading DEM Division of Forestry Headquarters)

Thursday 7/29/04, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Westerly Senior Center

39 State Street, Westerly

Friday 7/30/04 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Salve Regina University, Rodgers Recreation Building, 2nd fl. Conference Rm (on the corner of Webster Street and Lawrence Avenue, Newport)

Comments may be made in person during the hearing, or you can mail, fax or e-mail them by July 30th to: **Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

John O. Pastore Center – 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920-3049 462-0106 (fax) or disabilities@gcd.state.ri.us (e-mail).

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Donald L. Carcieri, Governor

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